Documents pending with the Registrar of Companies

*460. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of documents filed under the Companies Act, 1956 are pending in the offices of Registrar of Companies in the country;

(b) whether resignations of Directors filed are not taken on record for years and so certified copies thereof are not available U/s 610 of the Act; and

(c) whether this causes undue hardships to the Directors who have resigned, in the courts for penal action against them ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) to (c) A large number of documents filed under the Companies Act, 1956 are pending in the offices of Registrar of Companies. Some of these are pending on account of non-payment of fees/additional fees.

Documents regarding intimation of changes in Directors, including resignation, are taken on record, if properly filed and efforts are made to avoid cases where certified copies of documents are not available under section 610 of the Companies Act. Before filing prosecutions against the Directors and companies, documents filed by concerned companies, including the pending documents, are normally verified to ensure that prosecutions are not filed against Directors who have already resigned, so as to avoid any undue hardship.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Forgery case against Air India employee

3247. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Canadian High Commission in Delhi has filed a case against an Air India employee in Delhi for committing a forgery;

(b) if so, whether Air India has carried out any investigation on the above said cases;

(c) if so, what are the details of such investigation; and

(d) whether such employee is still working with Air India and whether any action has been taken/proposed to be taken against such employee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (A) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter reported to Air India by the Canadian High Commission in 1997, has been investigated and based on the enquiry report submitted by the security department, New Delhi, Shri R. K. Sharma was chargesheeted for misconduct under clause 19(2) (IV) and (XXXXVI) of the certified standing orders as applicable to him. Acting upon the findings of the enquiry Committee, the competent authority passed an order of "Reduction to a Lower Post"(Aircraft equipment operator) and "Reduction by three stages in the pay scale". Proceedings against Shri R. K. Sharma are in progress at the Hon'ble Patiala House Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

Upgradation of Bagdogra Airport

3248. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any demand regarding upgradation of Bagdogra airport in northern part West Bengal;

(b) whether Government have taken any initiative to explore the same considering the strategic location of the airport; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to upgrade the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) There is a demand for declaration of Bagdogra Airport as international airport.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already constructed a new terminal building at the civil enclave at Bagdogra airport at a cost of Rs. 11.43 crores. The Terminal is equipped with modern facilities to cater to five hundred passengers at a time and has facilities for handling limited international operations *e.g.* Customs, immigration, conveyor belt and X-ray BIS. The national carriers Air India and Indian Airlines, can operate